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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM NATO  
SUBJECT: MBFR: DATA DISAGGREGATION

REF: A. MBFR VIENNA 88 021551Z MAR 77  
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SUMMARY: NAC ON MARCH 4 RECEIVED REGULAR BRIEFING FROM  
THE AHG. THIS MESSAGE REPORTS THE PART OF THE DISCUSSION  
SPECIFICALLY ON AHG REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE ON DATA DISAGGREGATION.  
OTHER ASPECTS OF THE MEETING REPORTED SEPTEL. NAC  
AGREED THAT NAC APPROVAL OF GUIDANCE TO BE DRAFTED INSPC  
WOULD BE BY SILENCE PROCEDURE. SPC WILL HOLD ITS FIRST  
MEETING ON THE AHG REQUEST ON MONDAY, MARCH 7. ACTION  
REQUESTED: SEE PARA 8 BELOW. END SUMMARY

1. SYG LUNS NOTED THAT THE AHG REQUEST FOR  
NAC AUTHORIZATION TO TABLE US TOTALS (REF A) WOULD BE  
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CONSIDERED BY SPC ON MONDAY, MARCH 7. HE ASKED IF THE  
AHG REPS HAD ANY IDEA AS TO WHAT THE EASTERN REACTION  
WOULD BE, IF THE NAC AGREED TO THIS AUTHORIZATION.  
BOLLAND (UK REP ON AHG) SAID THAT THE AHG ONLY HAS INKLINGS.  
HE SAID THAT IT WOULD NOT BE EASY FOR THE AHG TO GET WHAT  
IT WANTS, NAMELY SOVIET DATA FIRST, BUT THAT DOES NOT MEAN  
WE WILL NOT NECESSARILY SUCCEED. THE EAST, OF COURSE, HAS SUGGESTED  
PUTTING DOWN NATIONAL FIGURES FOR EACH DIRECT PARTICIPANT.  
UNTIL THE AHG GETS THE REQUESTED NAC AUTHORIZATION, THE AHG  
WILL NOT KNOW THE EASTERN REACTION.

2. CATALANO (ITALY), HARDY (CANADA) SCHUURMANS (BELGIUM), SVART (DENMARK) AND BUWALDA (NETHERLANDS) SAID THEIR AUTHORITIES COULD AGREE IN PRINCIPLE TO THE AHG REQUEST. KILLICK (UK) THOUGHT THAT SEEKING TO OBTAIN SOVIET TOTALS WOULD BE A GOOD TACTICAL MOVE, UNDERSTANDABLE TO PUBLIC OPINION, EVENIF THE OTHER SIDE DID REPLY THAT IT WOULD NOT TABLE SOVIET TOTALS UNLESS THERE WERE A GENERAL TABLING OF NATIONAL TOTALS. KILLICK SAID THE UK WAS PREPARED TO CONSIDER THE AHG REQUEST URGENTLY. HOWEVER, HE SAID, HE WAS NOT WILLING TO ANTICIPATE THE DISCUSSION WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE SPC. THE ONLY INTERVENTION BY BOSS (FRG) WAS IN REPLY TO A SUGGESTION BY BUWALDA THAT THE NAC DRAFT GUIDANCE AND AGREE TO IT AT THIS MEETING. BOSS SAID THE FRG WANTED THE MATTER CONSIDERED IN SPC. THE AMBASSADOR SUPPORTED BOSS.

3. KILLICK SAID THAT IT IS ALWAYS WISE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EAST TO BE VERY PRECISE IN LANGUAGE. THUS THE UK THOUGHT IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO SPELL OUT THE EXACT FORMULA OF THE DISCLAIMERS IN PARAS 19 AND 20 OF THE AHG REQUEST. BUWALDA SAID THAT THIS SHOULD BE LEFT TO THE NEGOTIATORS IN VIENNA. KILLICK SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO LEAVE THE PRECISE LANGUAGE TO VIENNA. AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING PANSO, WHO HAD REPLACED LUNS AS CHAIRMAN, SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE DRAFTING OF THE EXACT LANGUAGE FOR THESE DISCLAIMERS WAS WITHIN THE NORMAL BAILIWICK OF THE AHG, ALTHOUGH HE STOOD TO BE  
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CORRECTED.

4. KILLICK ASKED IF THE US DATA WOULD BE TALBED ONLY ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS, IN RETURN FOR THE COMPARABLE SOVIET DATA. BOLLAND REPLIED THAT THE AHG HAD NOT ASKED

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THE NAC TO GIVE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ON THE TACTICAL HANDLING OF THE USE OF THE US TOTALS. THE EXACT TACTICAL HANDLING REMAINED TO BE DECIDED WITHIN THE AHG. IN RESPONSE TO KILICK'S QUESTION, THE AMBASSADOR STATED, PER PARA 5 B, THAT THE US IS ONLY PREPARED TO HAVE ITS MANPOWER DATA TABLED AS PART OF A PRE-ARRANGED, SIMULTANEOUS EXCHANGE OF US-SOVIET DATA. BUWALDA, LATER IN THE MEETING, MADE A COMMENT WHICH INDICATED HE THOUGHT THE US WAS PROPOSING THAT THIS POINT BE INCLUDED IN THE NAC GUIDANCE. THE AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT HE HAD NOT SAID THAT THIS POINT NECESSARILY HAD TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NAC GUIDANCE. PANSA, AT THE END OF THE MEETING, OBSERVED, ITER ALIA, THAT THE AHG REPS WOULD TAKE NOTE OF THE AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS.

5. THE NAC AGREED THAT NAC APPROVAL OF THE GUIDANCE DRAFTED BY THE SPC, IN RESPONSE TO THE AHG REQUEST, WILL BE BY SILCNE PROCEDURE.

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6. INTERNATIONAL STAFF HAS DISCUSSED WITH US A TEXT WHICH COULD SERVE AS THE NUCLEUS OF NAC GUIDANCE. INTERNATIONAL STAFF WOULD INTRODUCE THE TEXT AT SPC MEETING ON MONDAY, MARCH 7, TO FOCUS THE DISCUSSION. ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS COULD BE ADDED AT THAT MEETING. THE PRESENT DRAFT TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:  
BEGIN TEXT:

MBFR: DATA ON US MILITARY MANPOWER IN AREA OF REDUCTIONS.

IN RESPONSE TO THE AHG REQUEST CONTAINED IN AGV(77)004, ALLIED NEGOTIATORS ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS THE FOLLOWING DATA VALID AS OF 1 JAN 1976 AON US MILITARY MANPOWER IN THE AREA OF REDUCTIONS:

TOTAL US MILITARY MANPOWER (EXCEPT FOR THE NAVY)

-224,000

TOTAL US GROUND FORCE MANPOWER

-193,500.

END TEXT.

7. AS WASHINGTON WILL NOTE, THE LANGUAGE IN THE ABOVE TEXT IS PATTERNED CLOSELY AFTER THE SPECIFIC AHG REQUEST IN PARA 8, REF. THIS "CORE" TEXT IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION IN THE COURSE OF THIS AFTERNOON, AS THE IS CONSULTS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: IN TIME FOR SPC MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 7: GUIDANCE ON THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE TEXT IN PARA 6 ABOVE. STRAUZ-HUPE

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